



Environmental Traveling Companions

Wilderness Medical Certification Scholarship Application

ETC requires all guides to have at least a Basic First Aid and CPR certification, however, it is **highly encouraged that Guides obtain (or renew if needed) their Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder certification.**

We understand that obtaining and recertifying wilderness medical certifications can be a heavy financial burden, and we aim to support ETC guides' professional development by alleviating at least part of the cost of these crucial certifications. There are limited scholarship funds, and we will do our best to support each applicant as much as we can.

Medical certification scholarships will be considered depending on need, certification courses available, and previous ETC involvement. If awarded, reimbursement for the scholarship amount will be provided upon successful completion of the certification course. Award guidelines are as follows and are not restricted to:

- *Basic First Aid & CPR Courses:*
 - Guides are eligible up to \$100 scholarship
- *For Wilderness First Aid (WFA) Courses:*
 - Guides are eligible up to \$200 scholarship
- *For WFR Recertification:*
 - Guides are eligible up to \$250 scholarship
- *For Wilderness First Responder (WFR) Courses:*
 - Guides are eligible up to \$500 scholarship

Please plan ahead and submit your application as soon as possible, as certification courses fill up quickly and can be up to 80 hours long. Some resources and providers:

- WFA Course for ETC community members
 - ◆ Led by Alicia Thompson
 - ◆ March 22-23, 2025 at China Camp
 - ◆ Email (ylp@etctrips.org) or (programdirector@etctrips.org) if you're interested!
- Sierra Rescue:
 - ◆ [8-day WFR courses](#) for \$775 – *limited dates available!*
 - ◆ [3-day WFR recertification](#) for \$365 (please verify that they accept your current WFR card)
 - ◆ [2-day WFA course](#) for \$255
 - ◆ **Free camping at ETC River Camp!**
- Safety Training Pros:
 - ◆ [2-day WFA courses](#) for \$189
- Search other options through [NOLS website](#) and [REI website](#)



- Applicant Name: _____
- Date: _____
- Role at ETC: : _____
- Year(s), and/or other ETC involvement:

- Wilderness Medical Course Type, Dates, and Provider:

- Total Cost of Wilderness Medical Course: _____

- Scholarship Amount Requested: _____

**Due to the limited nature of our scholarship funds, we respectfully ask that applicants request the amount that honestly reflects their personal need for financial assistance, to allow for others to also receive scholarship opportunities.*

- In the space provided below, please share why you would like to receive this scholarship and how it aligns with your future goals.

Please submit your completed application and direct any questions to:

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